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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kohler Herbert

(Middle)

(First)

MERCEDESSTRASSE 137

(Street)

(State)

07/02/2010

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

07/02/2010

Symbol

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

A

7,475,740

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(1) 7,475,740 See footnote.

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Series E Preferred Stock	<u>(1)</u>	07/02/2010		C	19,	,901,290	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	6,633,7
Series F Preferred Stock	<u>(1)</u>	07/02/2010		C	2,:	525,933	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	841,97

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kohler Herbert MERCEDESSTRASSE 137 STUTTGART, 2M 70327	X						

Signatures

/s/ Herbert
Kohler

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each share of the Issuer's Series E preferred stock and Series F preferred stock automatically converted to .333333 of a share of common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering and has no expiration date.
- The shares are owned directly by Blackstar Investco LLC, which is 60% owned by Daimler North America Corporation and 40% owned by Aabar Blackstar Holdings GmbH. The reporting person is a vice president of Blackstar Investco LLC, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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